COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY POWER)
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, AND A)
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY,) CASE NO
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 250 MW) 2001-053
COAL-FIRED GENERATING UNIT (WITH A CIRCULATING)
FLUID BED BOILER) AT THE HUGH L. SPURLOCK POWER)
STATION AND RELATED TRANSMISSION FACILITIES,)
LOCATED IN MASON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, TO BE)
CONSTRUCTED ONLY IN THE EVENT THAT THE)
KENTUCKY PIONEER ENERGY POWER PURCHASE)
AGREEMENT IS TERMINATED)

<u>ORDER</u>

This matter arising upon the motion of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Department for Natural Resources, Division of Energy ("DOE") for full intervention, and the objection filed by East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., and it appearing to the Commission that such intervention is likely to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings, and this Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The motion of DOE to intervene is granted, subject to its acceptance of the existing procedural schedule.

2. DOE shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order.

3. Should DOE file documents of any kind with the Commission in the course of these proceedings, DOE shall also serve a copy of said documents on all other parties of record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of May, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director